



SUNDAY, 28 JULY 2024 PARISH of Ss PETER AND PAUL, KIAMA

*Incorporating the Church Communities of
St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong; St Matthew's, Jamberoo;
and Ss Peter & Paul, Kiama.*

Next Weekend's Mass Times – 3/4 August 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	30/7	5:00pm
Wednesday	31/7	8:00am <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>
Thursday	1/8	8:00am <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Friday	2/8	9:30am

RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (*except Easter Saturday*) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

28 July: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

4 August: Group 2 – Irene Cook

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

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This Sunday, 28 July, we celebrate the fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The date is chosen to coincide with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (grandparents of Jesus), which was celebrated on 26 July. Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9) The

THE ELDERLY

Catholic Grandparents Association has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. The announcement of a new Church-wide celebration for Grandparents and the elderly came in answer to our prayerful request to the Holy Father Pope Francis. This new worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every
season of life,

Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.
Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast
aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us with Your
tenderness
And teach us to say:
"I will not abandon you!"

To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness
of loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with
renewed hope,
And make the World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly
A day without loneliness, and a day
abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.

PARISH NOTICES

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the lands on which we worship.

AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:

Those who are sick:

John Petschler; Donna Russell; Karen Davenport; Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Donoghue; David Yates; Fr Ronald Donoghue; Elsie Weston; Ray Bartley; Warren Beecham; Alma Ellison; Darley Davey; Eileen Milne; Clare Patton; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Barbara Murphy; Lynnette Prestage; Graham Ottey; Fr Pat Kenna; Mary Newn; Catherine Goddard; Paula Lester; Peter Stuckey; All recently deceased friends and relatives of parishioners.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

FUNERALS

* Barbara Murphy – 11:00am, Wednesday, 31 July, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong

GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN

Spaces are available to purchase in the Memorial Garden at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong for the interment of ashes, or for memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall. **Please note: spaces in the Memorial Garden are available to both Catholics and non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@dow.org.au

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **Every Saturday** - 8:00am to 9:00am, Ss Peter and Paul Church, **Kiama**. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **Every Monday** - 3:00pm – 4:00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, **Gerringong**. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to attend.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

Term 3 – 7 & 21 August, 4 & 18 September.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

SVDP HELP CENTRE

Mondays – 4.00pm to 5.00pm (excluding public holidays)

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama, for those seeking assistance. People seeking assistance must phone for an appointment.

Calls and texts are taken from 12:00pm each Monday only. Please phone 0402 518 377.

Current income statements and ID are required.

** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, new members are always welcome to join the team. All enquiries can be made through the Parish Office.*

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

If you would like to help support our Parish, either through a one-off donation or via regular giving, please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for access to the different ways to give, including wills and bequests. Alternatively, you can donate to a specific collection via our bank details below:

* FIRST COLLECTION

(supporting our priests)

Account name: Kiama Presbytery;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 002126

* SECOND COLLECTION

(supporting our Parish)

Account name: Kiama Parish;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 001774

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **First Reconciliation** – 2 August
- * **First Holy Communion** – 20 September
- * **Confirmation** – Completed for 2024.

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting for St Mary's Gerringong will be held after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 4 August in St Mary's Meeting Room. All welcome.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2024

Enrolments for First Reconciliation close on Friday, 2 August. Children in Year 3 and above are eligible for enrolment. Information and enrolments can be found at www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/reconciliation

SAVE THE DATE

**Ss Peter and Paul School Family Mass
Sunday 18 August at 5:00pm.**



All staff, families and friends of our school community are invited. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful singing of our school choir during the Mass.

CREATOR'S MARK ART PRIZE

The Inaugural *Creator's Mark Art Prize and Exhibition* is a weekend long Charity Art Show and Community Event, celebrating creativity and showcasing local artists and artworks based on this year's theme; "*Rhythms of Grace*". It will be held from 27-29 September in the Gerringong Town Hall. We invite submissions in paint, pencil and mixed media (on canvas and in sculpture), that explore and celebrate the natural wonder and beauty of the

Illawarra and its connection to the rhythms and spirituality of its people. We offer generous prizes in three categories:
Open (18 + years): First Prize: \$3000, Second Prize: \$2000, Third Prize: \$1000
Youth (12-17 years): \$750

People's Choice Award:
\$500 Levers Gift Voucher

Under 12 Developing Artist Category:
\$100

Entries for artists are now open and close 31 August. For more details visit <https://sites.google.com/view/creatorsmark2024/start-here>

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare and Catholic Education will be holding free technology training at St John the Evangelist High School in September. Seniors can bring their phone, laptop or tablet and students from St John's Catholic High School will assist with tasks such as downloading apps, sending messages, google maps and much more. The sessions will be held over 4 weeks on a Monday, but please take note of the time variance.

- Monday 2 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 9 September: 12.00-1.45pm
- Monday 16 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 23 September: 12.00-1.45pm

In addition to this, CatholicCare will be holding an information session on Aged Care and how to get into the My Aged Care system, along with keeping your mind fit, on Monday 2 September after the first session, from 12pm-1.30pm. Be sure to ask about this when registering. Please call Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Each year the Church in Australia marks National Vocations Awareness Week in August, connected with the celebrations of the Feast of St John Vianney (patron saint of priests) and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Australia's first saint). This year, in the week of 4-11 August, we reflect once more upon Pope Francis's message from Good Shepherd Sunday, reminding us that all of us, whether married, ordained, religious or single, are "called to sow seeds of hope and build peace". Read the Pope's full message here: dow.sh/gss24 Pope Francis beckons us to "'Rise up!' Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the

prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: Have the courage to commit!"

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

We invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Thursday 8 August at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12:10pm.**



To assist us with catering, kindly RSVP with the number of attendees by emailing liturgy@dow.org.au. For those who are unable to join the diocesan celebration, you may wish to join the Eucharistic livestream Mass from Mary MacKillop Place at 10:30am via Link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppm-amzmOb0>

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

An Invitation to all Men

Men from the Parish of Rosemeadow invite other men from around the Diocese to join with them on the last Tuesday of the Month to pray the Rosary, commencing at 7:00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rosemeadow. Such men's groups are, at this time, springing up around the world to honour Our Lady and to pray for the Church and the World. Mass is celebrated at 6.30pm on Tuesday evenings and you are welcome to also attend this prior to the Rosary if you wish. For more information, please contact David at djbarrett85@gmail.com or phone: 0410 487 630.

CATHOLICARE - A CALL FOR FOSTER CARERS

Can You Help?

Over 350 children and young people in NSW are urgently seeking foster care. Close to 100 of the 350 are living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: dow.sh/bmfc24. For more

information on becoming a foster carer, contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email:

fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au

CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.

COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

13 – 15 September

Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale

Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size). Camping and Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.

To register: <https://dow.sh/cfwsept24>

GROWING GOOD MEN

Father And Teenage Son Weekend Experience, 25-27 October
Cataract Activity Centre, Appin

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

Register online: <https://dow.sh/ggm24>

CATHFAMILY

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids.

Don't miss CathKids:

<https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

28 JULY 2024

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called

into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the

meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 4 AUGUST

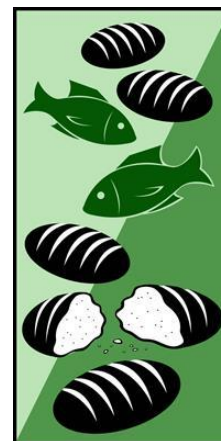
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

PSALM: Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54 (R.) *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

2ND READING: Eph 4:17, 20-24

GOSPEL: Jn 6:24-35



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.